

Senate File 2347 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3106)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to annual all-systems permits issued by the
2 department of transportation for vehicles of excessive
3 weight, and including effective date provisions.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321E.3, subsection 1, Code 2022, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. a. Permits issued under this chapter shall be issued
4 by the authority responsible for the maintenance of the system
5 of highways or streets. However, the department may issue
6 permits on primary road extensions in cities in conjunction
7 with movements on the rural primary road system.

8 b. The department may issue ~~an all-systems permit~~ permits
9 under section 321E.8 which ~~is~~ are valid for movements on
10 all highways or streets under the jurisdiction of either
11 the state, except the interstate road system if prohibited
12 under section 321E.8, or those local authorities that have
13 indicated to the department in writing, including by means of
14 electronic communication, those streets or highways for which
15 an all-systems permit is not valid.

16 Sec. 2. Section 321E.8, Code 2022, is amended by adding the
17 following new subsection:

18 NEW SUBSECTION. 1A. Vehicles with indivisible loads having
19 an overall width not to exceed the width authorized under
20 section 321.454, an overall length not to exceed the length
21 authorized under section 321.457, an overall height not to
22 exceed the height authorized under section 321.456, and a total
23 gross weight not to exceed the gross weight authorized under
24 section 321.463 by more than twelve percent, may operate under
25 an all-systems permit and shall obtain route approval from the
26 department. Permitted vehicles under this subsection with a
27 gross weight exceeding eighty thousand pounds shall not be
28 allowed to travel on any portion of the interstate road system.

29 Sec. 3. Section 321E.14, subsection 1, paragraph i, Code
30 2022, is amended to read as follows:

31 i. One hundred sixty dollars for an annual all-systems
32 permit issued pursuant to section 321E.8, subsection 1, which
33 shall be deposited in the road use tax fund.

34 Sec. 4. Section 321E.14, subsection 1, Code 2022, is amended
35 by adding the following new paragraph:

1 NEW PARAGRAPH. *Oj.* Five hundred dollars for an annual
2 all-systems permit issued pursuant to section 321E.8,
3 subsection 1A. Seventy-five percent of the fee shall be
4 deposited in the county bridge construction fund created in
5 section 312.2, subsection 12, and twenty-five percent of the
6 fee shall be deposited in the road use tax fund.

7 Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate
8 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

9 EXPLANATION

10 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
11 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

12 Under current law, Code section 321.463 limits the gross
13 weight of a vehicle based on the highway of travel and the
14 number of axles and the distance between the axles on the
15 vehicle. Generally, vehicles are allowed to have a maximum
16 gross weight of up to 80,000 pounds on any highway, and
17 commercial motor vehicles with six or seven axles are allowed
18 to have a gross weight of up to 96,000 pounds on noninterstate
19 highways. To operate in excess of the gross weights allowed
20 under Code section 321.463, Code chapter 321E authorizes
21 single-trip, multi-trip, and annual permits for vehicles of
22 excessive size and weight. Generally, such permits may be
23 issued by the department of transportation (DOT) for vehicles
24 traveling on primary highways, primary road extensions in
25 cities in conjunction with movements on the rural primary road
26 system, and secondary roads or city streets at the request of a
27 local authority. A local authority may also generally issue
28 such permits for streets or highways under its jurisdiction.
29 The DOT may issue an annual all-systems permit authorizing
30 vehicles of excessive size and weight, not to exceed 80,000
31 pounds, to travel on state highways and those streets or
32 highways of local authorities that have indicated to the DOT
33 the streets or highways for which an all-systems permit is not
34 valid. The fee for an annual all-systems permit is \$160.
35 This bill authorizes the DOT to issue an annual all-systems

1 permit for vehicles not exceeding the current size restrictions
2 under Code chapter 321 and not exceeding the gross weight
3 authorized under Code section 321.463 by more than 12 percent.
4 Vehicles permitted under the bill with a gross weight exceeding
5 80,000 pounds are prohibited from traveling on any portion of
6 the interstate road system.

7 The fee for the permit is \$500. Of the fee, \$375 must be
8 deposited into the county bridge construction fund and \$125
9 must be deposited in the road use tax fund.

10 The bill takes effect upon enactment.